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Fulfillment of Requirements of Office Paper Dated December 6, 2006

Sir,

Applicant hereby acknowledges receipt of the Office paper dated December 6, 2006 in the above-captioned Application for patent, which was a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification, a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your convenience in reference.

The Office paper dated 12/6/06 indicated that figures 30a and 30b are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings of the specification but not contained in the Drawings, and the Figure 30 is contained in the Drawings, but is not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant submits herewith drawings figures 30a and 30b. Each of these sheets contain the notation "REPLACEMENT SHEET" in their margins.

It is respectfully requested that Figure 30 referred to in the Office paper dated 12/06/06 be replaced by the sheet labeled as Fig. 30a enclosed herewith, and that the sheet labeled as Fig. 30b enclosed herewith be included in the drawings, to remedy the inconsistencies.

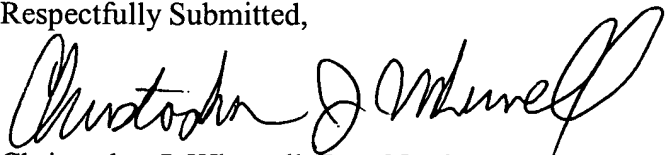
No new matter is contained in these drawings. Instant FIG. 30a submitted herewith is identical to the drawing previously labeled as Fig. 30, and Fig 30b submitted herewith is a side view of Fig. 30a. Submission of the drawings sheets herewith is believed to satisfy the requirements of the 12/06/06 Office paper. The enclosed Fig. 30a and Fig. 30b are the proper ones to which the specification refers.

It might be appear at first glance that enclosed Fig. 30b is a new drawing sheet. However, this is not the case. Fig. 30b was contained within the drawings of the provisional application to which the instant Application properly claims priority to and incorporates by reference. Thus, a sheet labeled as "30b" already exists in the case, and the notation of "REPLACEMENT SHEET" on Fig. 30b is proper.

Thus, Applicant believes that the notation of "REPLACEMENT SHEET" on each of the drawings figures submitted herewith is proper. However, if this is not to the satisfaction of the Office, Office personnel are kindly invited to contact the undersigned agent, in order that we may timely provide a remedy. Kindly note that a paper was filed 12/23/06 requesting the Office to kindly take notice of the Change of Correspondence Address that was filed in September 2006 in the instant matter, directing correspondences to my office location, as specified below.

Applicant is grateful for consideration received.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 12/03/2006 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures 30a, 30b are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure 30 is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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